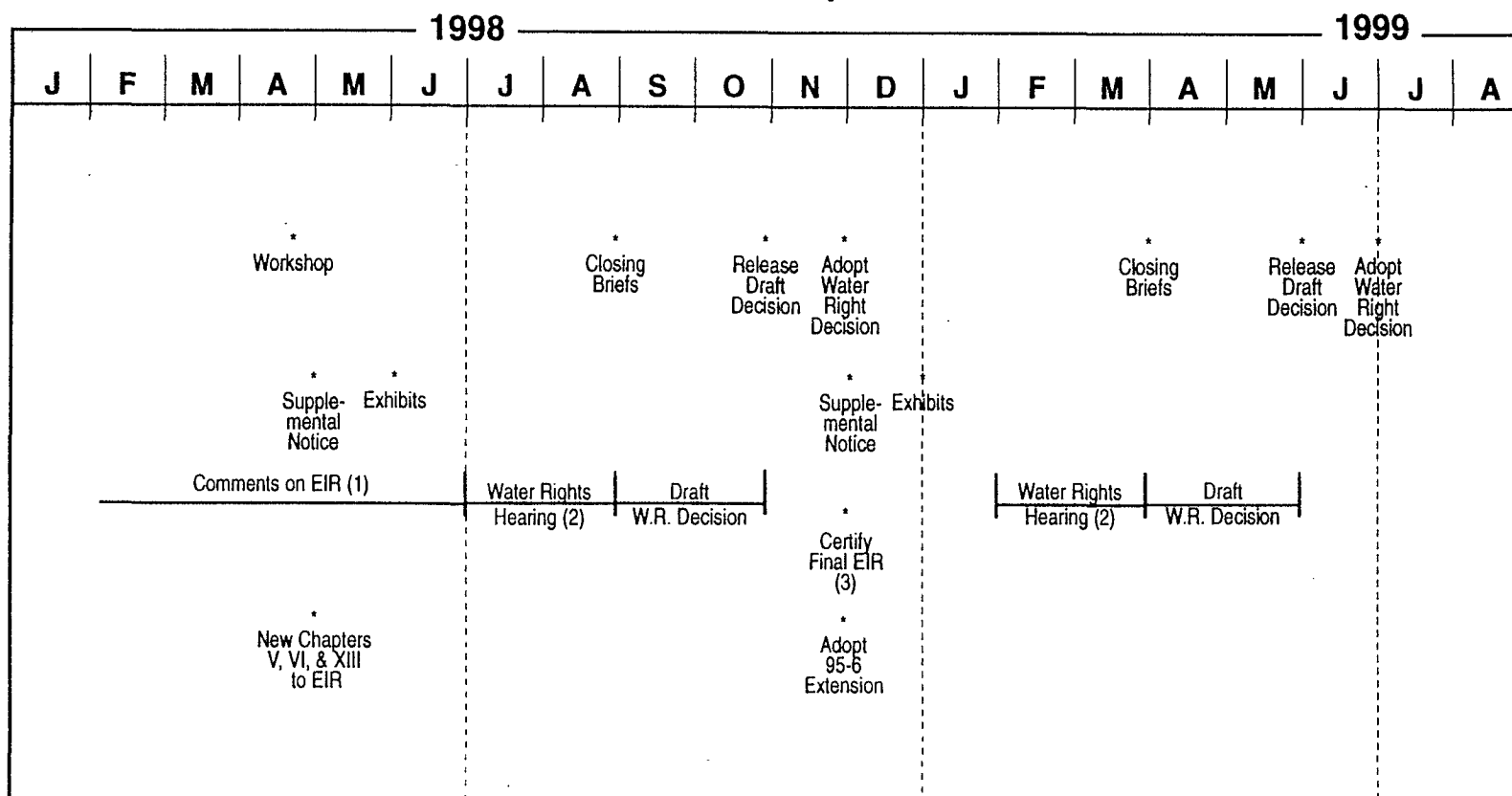


Bay/Delta Hearings

Draft Schedule Under Optimal Conditions



(1) Presently, the comment period on the draft EIR closes on April 1. This deadline could be retained and the comment period reopened until June 30, only for comments on the revised Chapters V, VI, and XIII. Alternatively, the comment period for the entire draft EIR could be extended until June 30.

(2) The length of a water rights hearing cannot be accurately predicted. If the hearing lasts more than two months, subsequent steps in the schedule will be extended.

(3) A supplemental EIR may be required to support a water right decision for the second phase if this final EIR cannot be used to meet CEQA obligations. A supplemental draft EIR would be released on approximately June 15, 1999; a 45 day comment period would be provided; and the final EIR produced as soon as possible thereafter. The final water right decision could not be adopted until this process is completed.